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Federal Jury Convicts District Resident of Federal Drug Offenses

Washington, D.C. - Acting United States Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced that Edwina Bigesby, 28, of Washington, D.C., was convicted in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia of Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Cocaine Base, Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, and Simple Possession of Marijuana. These charges arose from the execution of a search warrant at Ms. Bigesby's residence last year.

According to the government's evidence, on the morning of June 27, 2008, officers from the Metropolitan Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search warrant at 1709 Trinidad Avenue, NW, #1. Inside, officers found Ms. Bigesby and her three young children, along with over 106 grams of cocaine base and 3.9 grams of marijuana. Approximately 18 grams of the cocaine base was found inside two of Ms. Bigesby's purses, along with her personal documents, including her driver's license, birth certificate, and health insurance card. Officers also found drug paraphernalia throughout the apartment, including small ziplock bags, a razor, and plates with cocaine residue. During the search of Ms. Bigesby's vehicle, officers found ten grams of heroin in the trunk of her car.

In announcing the guilty verdicts, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised the outstanding work of Metropolitan Police Department Investigator Michael Iannacchione, who was instrumental in the investigation and prosecution of this case. He also commended the excellent work of Metropolitan Police Department Lieutenant Ronald Wilkens, Sergeants John Haines and Paul Skelton; Detectives James Zerega, David Lawson and Anthony Washington; Investigator Trina Johnson; Officers Phuson Nguyen, Michael Derian, Alvin Cardinal, and Edward Hansohn; Metropolitan Police Department Fingerprint Analyst Mary Jones; Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agents Daniel Mitry and Steven Aziz; and Drug Enforcement Administration Forensic Chemist Jennifer McKay. In addition, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended Litigation Support Specialist Kimberly Smith and Dontrell Smith, and Paralegal Specialists John Russell, Jr. and Catherine O'Neal who assisted in the prosecution.

Finally, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised Assistant U.S. Attorneys Patrick Costello and Courtney Spivey, who prosecuted the case.

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